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Dr. Sandra Bibb was appointed Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs in the Graduate School of Nursing in August of 2011. Before taking on this charge, Dr. Bibb was Chair of the Department of Health Systems, Risk and Contingency Management, in the GSN where she also helped develop and implement the population health curriculum.

Prior to joining the GSN, Dr. Bibb served in the United States Navy as an active duty nurse. She retired as a Captain in 2004, after three decades in the Armed Services. Her illustrious military career culminated at the Naval Hospital at Camp Pendleton in California, where she served as the hospital's Executive Director for Support Services. This leadership role was preceded by many other "pioneering" accomplishments including becoming the first nurse to head a branch medical clinic while stationed at the Naval Medical Clinic Command, San Diego; becoming head of the branch medical clinic in Gaeta, Italy; coordinating a health promotion and disease prevention program for Region Nine Tricare in San Diego; becoming the Command Research Coordinator and Head of the Population Health Department at the Naval Hospital at Camp Pendleton; and becoming Director of the Joint Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton- Naval Medical Center San Diego Population Health Office. While on active duty, Dr. Bibb also co-authored the population health curriculum for the Navy's original Clinic Management Course, and she was part of the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Population Health Improvement

Training Team.

Dr. Bibb is also recognized for her research initiatives and published works related to population health and outcomes, with specific emphasis on population health management and access to care. A population based assessment conducted by Dr. Bibb at the Naval Hospital at Camp Pendleton led to the establishment of the first-ever Population Health Department in the Navy. This assessment also yielded a publication that won the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States' Mary Nielubowicz Award. Her study examining the relationship between access and stage at diagnosis of breast cancer in African American and Caucasian women receiving care in the Military Health System (MHS), yielded two frequently cited publications which provide support for the existence of non-economic and non-structural access barriers to preventive health care in populations with health insurance and a regular place of care. The existence of these additional barriers was further validated through studies examining moderators of utilization of clinical preventive services in populations with near universal access to care (health insurance and a regular place of care); and disseminated by comparing findings from these studies to findings examining utilization of clinical preventive services in populations with near universal access in other developed countries.

Dr. Bibb earned a Bachelor of Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Science from the University of San Diego. She also earned a Diploma of Nursing from Providence School of Nursing in Mobile, Alabama.

Furthermore, Dr. Bibb has earned numerous professional achievement awards, including: the Outstanding Military Woman of Achievement Award from the San Diego County Women's Council Navy League; the Minority Access, inc Alumna National Role Model Citation, the prestigious Hughes Career Achievement Award from the University of San Diego; the Outstanding Civilian Faculty Award, the Faculty Esprit De Corps Award and the Dean's Teaching Excellence Award from USU's Graduate School of Nursing; recognition as one of 2011's 100 Extraordinary Nurses in the Washington Metropolitan Area; and USU's Commendable Service Award. She has also been awarded the Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Commendation with Gold Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Legion of Merit Medal for her contributions while serving in uniform.